

Please amend the following claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R.
§1.121(a)(2) by deleting the portions in brackets and inserting
the underlined portions.

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--1. (Amended) A wringer assembly adapted to be attached to
the side of a mop bucket for wringing excess fluid from a mop,
said wringer assembly comprising a housing having a front wall
and forming an upwardly open well for receiving the mopping
yarns of a mop, means for attaching said housing to a mop bucket
such that said upwardly open well and said front wall are [is]
positioned over the interior of the mop bucket, [means] a wringer
mechanism in said well for squeezing the yarns of the mop to
wring excess fluid therefrom, and a support on said wringer
assembly for receiving and supporting the handle of a mop when
the mop handle is positioned [thereagainst] against said
support, said support comprising a flange projecting from said
front wall of said housing to a forward edge located beyond said
front wall to define the forward-most extent of said wringer
assembly, said flange overlying the interior of a mop bucket
when said wringer assembly is attached to the mop bucket and
being formed with a recess for receiving the handle of a mop and
supporting the handle in an upright orientation over the mop
bucket.

A2 8-~~7~~. (Amended) In a mop bucket and wringer assembly wherein
the wringer assembly has front, back, and side walls forming an
upwardly open well for receiving the yarns of a mop and a
wringer mechanism in the well for squeezing excess liquid from
the moping yarns, the front wall and upwardly open well of the
wringer assembly being located at least partially within the
interior of the mop bucket, the improvement comprising a support
projecting forwardly from the front wall and defining the
forward-most extent of the wringer assembly, said support
overlying the interior of the mop bucket and forming a handle
receiving recess disposed substantially at a mid-portion of the
front wall of the wringer assembly for receiving and releasably
holding the handle of a mop positioned in the mop bucket such
that the mop handle is held in an upright orientation over the
mop bucket.

L Please add the following new claims.

A3 2-~~13~~. (New) A wringer assembly as claimed in claim 1 and
wherein said housing has a back wall spaced from said front wall
and side walls connecting said front and back walls, said recess
in said flange being located substantially mid-way between said
side walls to support a mop handle in a substantially vertical
orientation extending above the mop bucket.--

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--~~14~~. (New) A wringer assembly as claimed in claim ~~13~~ ² and wherein said flange is tapered from relatively narrow ends adjacent said side walls to a relatively wider central portion.-

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--~~15~~. (New) A wringer assembly as claimed in claim ~~14~~ ³ and wherein said recess is formed in said relatively wider central portion of said flange.--

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--~~16~~. (New) A wringer assembly as claimed in claim ~~15~~ ⁴ and wherein said recess is forwardly open and has rounded converging side edges for guiding a mop handle into said recess.

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--~~17~~. (New) A wringer assembly as claimed in claim ~~16~~ ⁴ and wherein said recess is configured to receive a mop handle in a snap-fitting relationship.--

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--~~18~~. (New) A wringer assembly as claimed in claim ~~17~~ ² and wherein said flange is integrally molded with said wringer assembly.--

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--~~19~~. (New) The improvement of claim ~~5~~ ⁸ and wherein said support comprises a substantially flat flange, said flange being tapered from relatively narrow end portions adjacent said side

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walls to a relatively wider mid portion centrally located over the mop ^{bucket} ~~bucket~~, said handle receiving recess being formed in said relatively wider mid portion of said flange.--

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--~~20~~. (New) The improvement of claim ~~19~~ and wherein said recess is forwardly open and is formed with rounded converging side edges for directing a mop handle into said recess.--

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--~~21~~. (New) The improvement of claim ~~19~~ and wherein said recess is configured to receive a mop handle in releasable snap-fitting relationship to hold the mop handle securely in its upright orientation.--

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--~~22~~. (New) The improvement of claim ~~19~~ and wherein said flange is integrally molded with said wringer assembly.--

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--~~23~~. (New) A mop bucket and wringer assembly comprising a bucket having sides defining an interior well, a wringer assembly removably mounted on one of said sides of said mop bucket and at least partially disposed within said interior well of said bucket, said wringer assembly having a front wall and spaced apart side walls, a flange projecting from said front wall of said wringer assembly to an edge, said flange positioned over said interior well of said bucket and having ends adjacent

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said side walls of said wringer assembly, and a handle receiving recess formed in said flange intermediate said ends for receiving and releasably holding the handle of a mop disposed in said interior well of said bucket in a substantially upright orientation over said bucket.--

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--24. (New) A mop bucket and wringer assembly as claimed in claim 23 and wherein said flange is tapered from relatively narrow dimensions at said ends to a relatively wider dimension intermediate said ends, said recess being formed at said relatively wider dimension.--

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--25. (New) A mop bucket and wringer assembly as claimed in claim 24 and wherein said recess is formed with converging walls to direct a mop handle into said recess.--

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--26. (New) A mop bucket and wringer assembly as claimed in claim 24 and wherein said recess is shaped to receive a mop handle in a releasable snap-fitting relationship.--

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--27. (New) A mop bucket and wringer assembly as claimed in claim 23 and wherein said flange is integrally molded with said wringer assembly.--